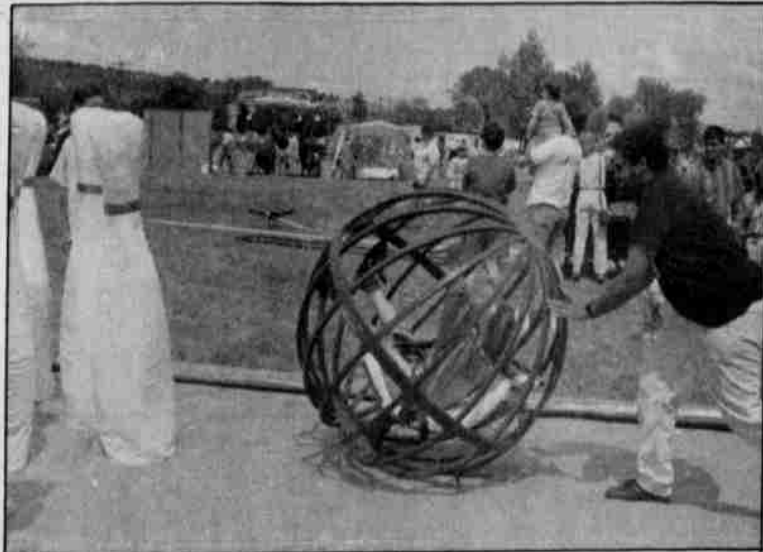




Red Thunder drew a huge crowd at the Community Center Sunday, May 22.



Flutist Charles Little Leaf performed for a huge crowd during the Collage.



Kids of all sizes took their turn at being human bowling balls as part of the Collage entertainment.

Joining the many cultures of Central Oregon, the Collage of Culture was a great success. Not only did the headlining act, Red Thunder, appear during the Collage and at Madras High School for a workshop, they also appeared at a special performance in Warm Springs May 22.

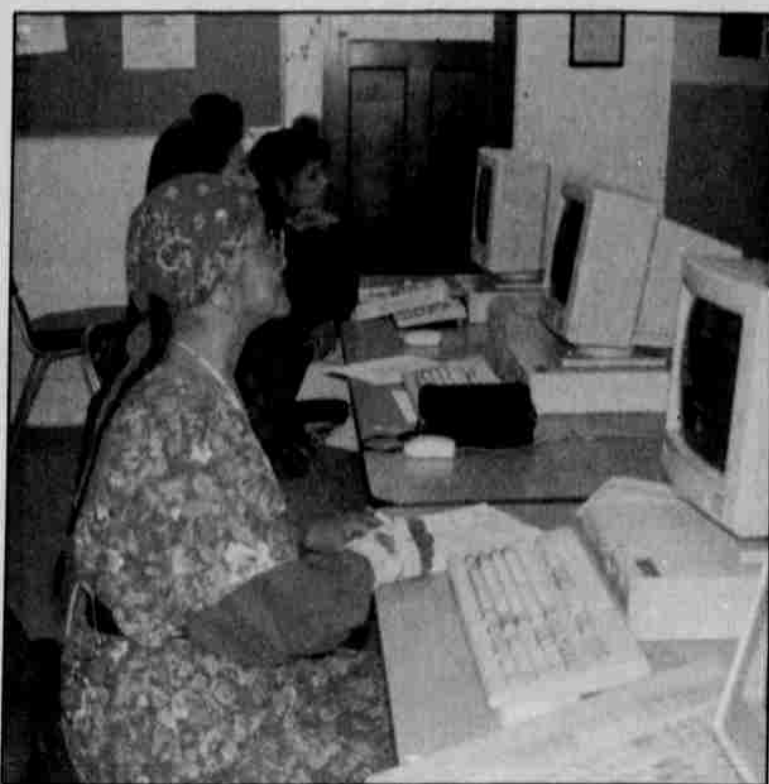
Elder learning today's technology

"You are forbidden to speak your language," so Meanus was told many years ago in boarding school. Since then, Indian language has been allowed and now is being taught by the elders of the community. By use of modern technology, the words are scanned onto the computers, translated and are sounded out by computer. Although not impressed with computers because of prophecies, Meanus has decided to take computer classes.

This new age of computers being used to teach Indian language has prompted Meanus to learn more about computers to aid her in entering stories into the computer being used by the Culture and Heritage department. She has learned the basics, and terminology that will allow her to get into computer programs. Meanus is taking Intro. to computers and intends to take whatever classes necessary to aid her in typing her own stories on the computer now being used by the department.

Meanus does not speak Sahaptin fluently but she teaches what she knows in Sahaptin classes. Years ago, when she was forbidden to speak her language, she forgot some of the Indian words she spoke. She just blacked it out. In hopes to learn more herself, she decided to teach Sahaptin back in the 1960s the first time it was brought out. She has taught Sahaptin off and on since then.

Meanus is dedicated to preserving the Indian language. She feels, "It is the language that identifies us." She



Mary Ann Meanus has taken Intro. to computers and will continue to take computer classes.

speaks Sahaptin to the children in her home in hopes to internalize the language in her children. She attended workshops to learn teaching methods for her class. Meanus uses visual aids and spends a lot of time preparing for her classes.

Meanus would like to generate interest and encourage everyone who, at one time came to class, to make

their way back. She feels that some people are afraid to speak the language for fear of making mistakes. "It is important that they speak and learn from their mistakes."

The class will always be there as long as she is around to teach it. Her classes are held from 5:30-7:30 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Education Center.

Jr. Council organization explained

Development of the Junior Council

The Junior Council concept was born through the inclusion of it as part of the Grant proposal submitted under the National Community and Conservation Act (NASCC) when the Work Experience & Development submitted its portion of the State of Oregon's grant proposal back in February, 1992.

Intent and Purpose

The intent and purpose of developing a Warm Springs Junior Council is to promote young people to develop leadership skills and learn about tribal government and tribal operations, the history and primary documents which guide the present and future of the Tribe; how the Tribe makes decisions;

how nominations, elections and formalizing the Tribal Council occurs.

KRA's

1. Have young people learn the process of nomination, campaigning and election of a Junior Council.

2. Through local on-reservation efforts already in place, have youth identify and use the elected Junior Council as a vehicle to express youth issues, concerns and plans to the regular Tribal Council.

3. Plan and schedule time with concurrence of the regular Tribal Council, for the Junior Council to be allowed to observe Tribal Council in action from time to time.

4. The Warm Springs Junior Council is not intended to be part of the Madras High School Native

American Officers. It is intended to be a representation of the Warm Springs Young people in leadership development, young adult issues which have the coordination and support of the adults directly involved with the Conservation Corps grant proposal.

5. The Junior Council is intended to coordinate all planning, development and other activities with other youth and young adult efforts, such as the Warm Springs Conservation Corps, the Boys and Girls Club of Warm Springs, the Warm Springs chapter of Futures For Children and the Youth Work Program of Warm Springs. These entities all have youth and young adult interests as an important part of their purpose.

OPERATION OF JUNIOR COUNCIL

Organization

Junior Council is within the Work Experience & Development Department efforts due to the volume of contact with young people in the community (Tribal Youth Program, JTPA Summer Youth Program, Conservation Corps). This department is part of Education Service Branch. This department has contact and serves ages 14-25, whom the Junior Council is intended for. The Junior Council was born out of a grant (Conservation Corps).

Election Process

The term of office for the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary-Treasurer, and Sergeant At Arms is

one (1) year from the date of election and validation of such election by the Work Experience & Development Department. Terms of office are for 1 year so that different young people have an opportunity to experience and develop leadership.

The election of officers takes place during the summer due to the high rate of contact with young people due to work opportunities.

The election is coordinated through the Work Experience & Development office due to the need for adult persons to guide the effort and provide assistance with necessary supplies, promotional needs and adult-level expertise.

1. Election orientation is the first item to be completed. This covers the

intent, goals, and explains the process, especially to the younger 14 year olds just eligible to become involved with work and the process. The orientation is to also include insight training on how the election process is to work.

2. Nominations are made to the Work Exp. & Dev. Department on a standardized nomination form, who presents nominations at a planned mass convention-type gathering of 14-25 year olds, in which this age group has been notified to attend. Nominations will be ratified by consensus of the group. The nominees for office will receive written notice that they are in an official nominee.

3. There will be a campaign process which involves nominees presenting their goals, commitment and why they are running for office. Posters, self-made hand-out advertisement, access to a computer to develop and give out letters and a platform for individual campaigning are the acceptable methods for campaigning. The timeframe for campaigning will be not less than 5 working days and not more than 10 working days.

4. The election voting poll station shall be based out of the Work Experience & Development Department. An election board will be organized to coordinate the voting, count the votes and help communicate the outcome of the voting. The election board will be comprised of 2 young people & 1 adult.

5. New officers will be sworn in and assume office within 5 working days of election results and an orientation provided on responsibilities, goals/intent of Junior Council.

6. Initial Officer meetings will be weekly on a date and time agreed to by the new officers, with general assembly of young people 14-25 at least 4 times during the summer months of June 30 to the first week of September. General assembly meetings through the remainder of the year will be at least monthly due to the need to involve constituents for feedback, feed-in, updating and young people issues.

7. Officer meetings will require an agreed to schedule, pre-planning, an agenda, timeliness (starting/finishing), involvement of an adult from the Work Exp. & Dev. Dept. Because Futures for Children certification has been achieved by several young community members; these individuals should be advisor to the officers due to training they've received in leadership development. All planned activities will require prior endorsement before going forward. There is a portion of funds set aside for assisting with prior approved activities and functional needs.

8. As the Junior Council concept grows, changes in this operating guidelines can change to meet the needs.



Editor's note:

The only word that comes to mind when told of needless vandalism is: Sick. Then come a few other choice words not fit for print. It's hard to imagine what goes through the mind of someone so destructive and, there's that word again, sick.

As a community, we all can help prevent vandalism. If you see someone or something suspicious, call the police and report it. If you know of someone who may be involved, call the police.

Vandalism is a waste—a waste of time, money, effort, hard work and peace of mind. Be aware of your surroundings and report anything suspicious. Police can be reached at 553-1171 after 5 p.m. and weekends.



The car belonging to Sheilah Wahnetah and Toot Pennington was seriously vandalized while parked at the Burger Inn.



Vandals hit Warm Springs Elementary with graffiti on the back wall of the basketball court.